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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 17 October 1953, a shipment of 18 motor vehicles which picked up ammunition at the Tinz ammunition depot and an undetermined number of other motor vehicles

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2. On 16 October, the Panzer Kaserne in Borna was occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Source believed that the unit had returned on 14 October.²

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At about 3:30 p.m. on 20 October, 1 salvage tank.³

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4. On 11 October, heavy noise was heard throughout the day from the loading ramps of the Saale Railroad Station in Jena. No details could be determined as the weather was foggy. Until about 2 p.m., artillery pieces, about 60 trucks including tank trucks, jeeps, ambulances, and 85-mm AT guns were detrained. The guns were picked up by half-track prime movers. The troops unloaded had left the town toward an undetermined direction by nightfall.

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[redacted] At about 4 p.m. on 11 October, a train with 15 boxcars carrying troops and 3 flatcars with sideracks with AT guns and 37-mm AA guns passed through the Saale Railroad Station. At about 8 p.m. on 11 October, 3 heavy AA guns and equipment were unloaded. The equipment was subsequently trucked away. On 12 October, troops were unloaded from 11 boxcars and about 30 artillery pieces, 1 field kitchen and trucks with covered numbers from an undetermined number of flatcars. At about 3:20 p.m. on 12 October, another shipment of about 45 trucks was detained.

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5. On 11 October, [redacted] 6 trains had passed through Weimar and [redacted] regular trains fell out because of the military shipments. [redacted] Farmers were forbidden to enter their fields between Weimar and Jena as exercises were held in this area. 25X1

6. On 11 October, trucks [redacted] carrying troops with full pack passed through Jena at large intervals. About 15 other trucks towing AT guns passed through the town at about 11 p.m. 25X1

7. Shipments observed passing through Jena toward Camburg/Saale from the direction of Kahla included a train with 54 trucks, 5 heavy SP guns and 2 field kitchens at about 1:30 p.m. on 16 October; and 7 J1-2 tanks [redacted] 36 trucks occupied by about 750 troops and 9 x 500-liter barrels and 3 kitchen cars at about 2:30 p.m. on 16 October. The following columns passed through Jena toward Camburg/Saale from the direction of Kahla: 25X1

At about 11 p.m. on 15 October. 18 trucks [redacted] with billeting equipment. 25X1

At about 6 p.m. on 16 October. 22 trucks with luggage and 1 kitchen truck. [redacted] 25X1

From about 11 p.m. on 16 October until 3:30 a.m. on 17 October. 14 tank trucks and 46 trucks with about 450 troops. [redacted]

At about 5 p.m. on 17 October. Motor vehicles [redacted] occupied each by 4 lieutenant colonels. [redacted] 25X1

From 11 p.m. on 17 October until 3 a.m. on 18 October. 68 trucks with boxes and luggage and about 250 troops. [redacted] 25X1

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2. Comment. Information tends to indicate that the 1st Gds Tank Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div returned from Koenigsbrueck. [redacted]

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4. Comment. It is assumed that, among other units, elements of the 43d Gds Army Arty Brig from Altengrabow and/or the 76th Arty Brig (US) from Herseburg were unloaded in Jena. [redacted]

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